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PROJECT KEA: UPDATE ON THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT CONSENT PROCESS

South Island Resource Recovery Limited (SIRRL) Director Paul Taylor said today -

“On 22 September SIRRL lodged a comprehensive set of reports and evidence that made up the Project Kea resource management application for consideration by Environment Canterbury (Ecan) and the Waimate District Council (WDC).

“Given the complexity and uniqueness of the proposed Energy-from-Waste plant, the application has since been returned for resubmission with a number of queries for further specific information.

“In response, the SIRRL team is working through the extra technical information and requirements with ECan and the WDC advisors, and also continuing to consult with local iwi.

“Requests for further information are normally expected once a resource consent application is accepted for processing. In this instance, Ecan and WDC have requested some of this information be provided prior to the application being accepted, again due to the complexity of the application.

“In the meantime, these further information requirements do mean having to delay the public information sessions in Waimate and Glenavy that we had planned to hold prior to Christmas.

“This is disappointing, but we’ll be rescheduling these as quickly as possible, once full acceptance of the resource consent documentation is given.

“Meanwhile, we’re continuing meetings online, including with the local doctors who recently raised a number of issues, and also with others who’ve reached out. We’re also working on public information updates on the science and the technology Project Kea will use, including further summaries from independent experts on our Energy-from-Waste plant proposal, and other public information.

“I’d also like to thank all those who’ve passed on words of support and encouragement as we put forward a safe and highly effective solution to Aotearoa New Zealand’s waste crisis.”